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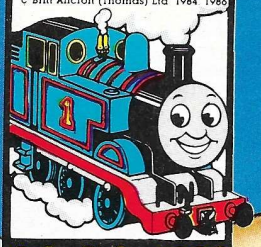

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Splash! Oh, Percy!

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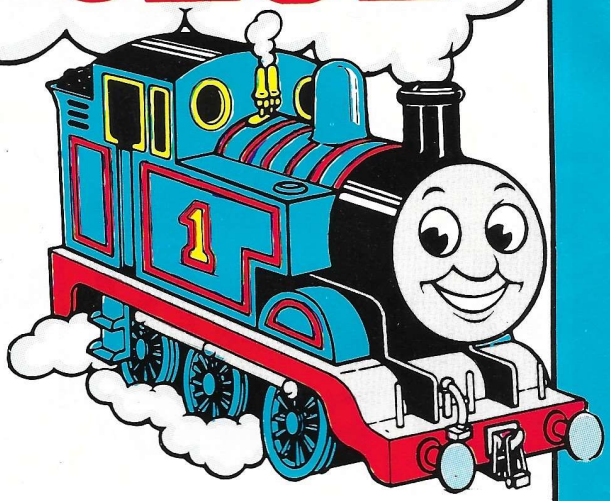

Peep! Peep! Splash! Oh dear! Poor Percy is in trouble again – just look at him on this cover! Find out exactly what happened by reading the story which begins on the next page. Also in this issue – meet Diesel! What will you think of *him*? Peep! Peep!

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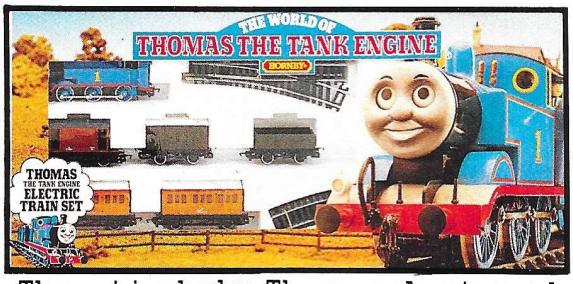

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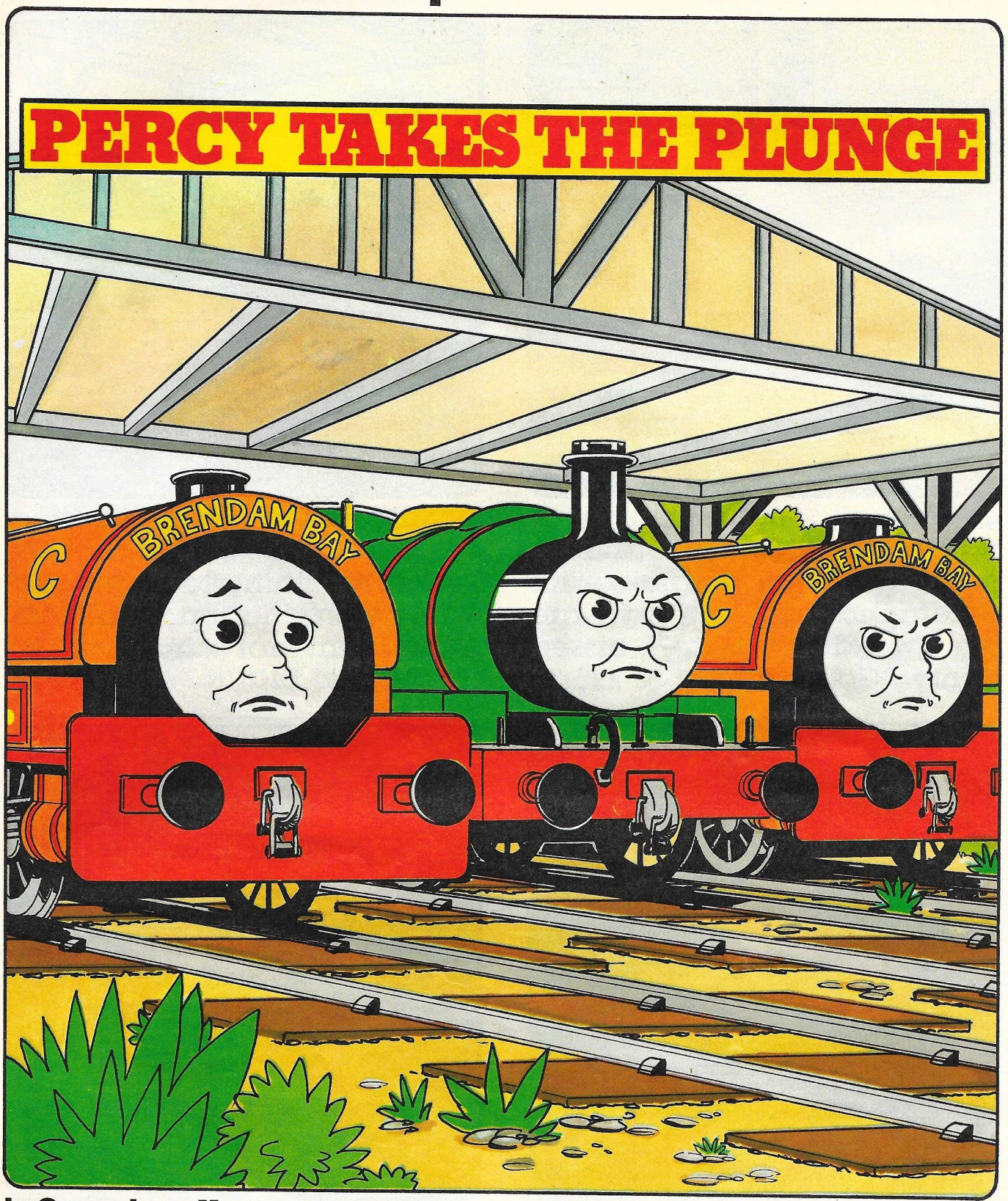
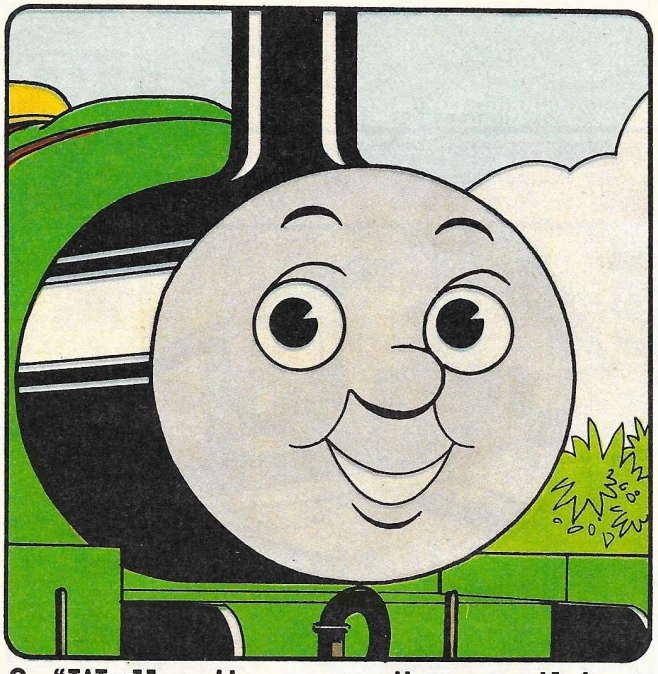
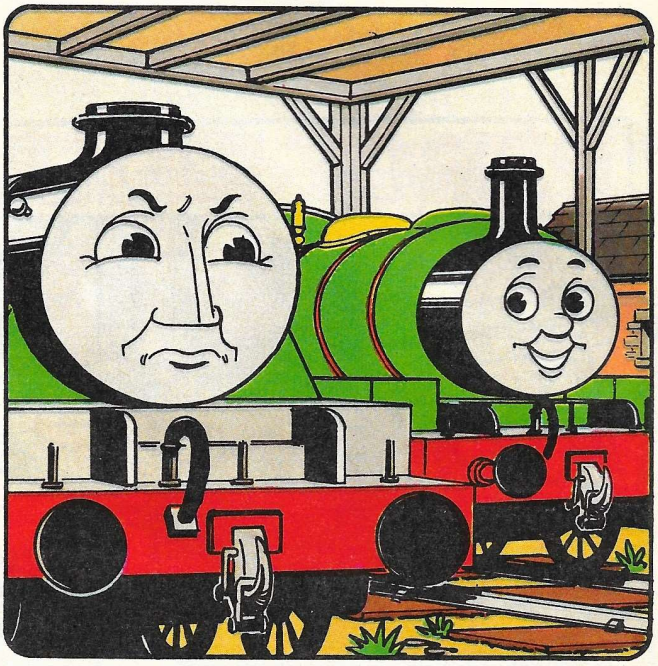


1. One day Henry wanted to rest, but Percy was talking to Bill and Ben, the twin tank engines. He was telling them how he had braved bad weather to help Thomas.

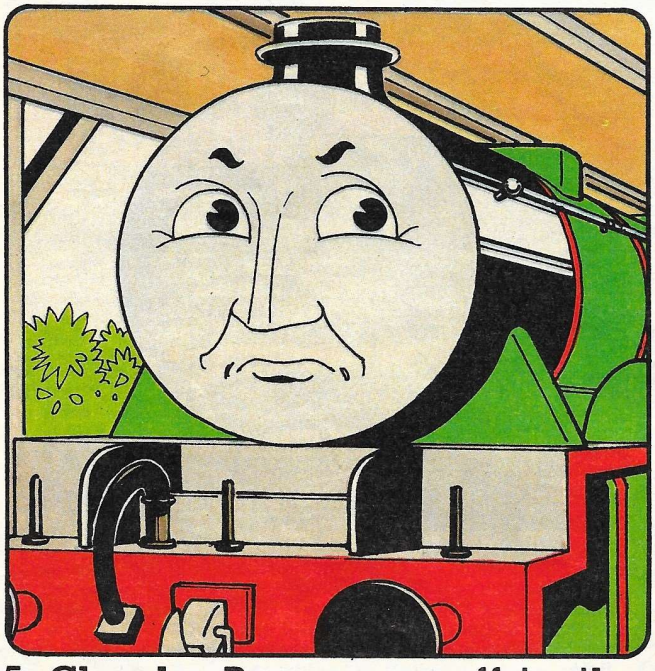
2. "It was raining hard," said Percy. "Water swirled under my boiler. I couldn't see where I was going, but I struggled on." "Oooh, Percy, you are brave," said Bill.



3. "Well, it wasn't anything really," said Percy. "Water is nothing to an engine with determination." "What are you two doing here?" hissed Henry. "Go away!"

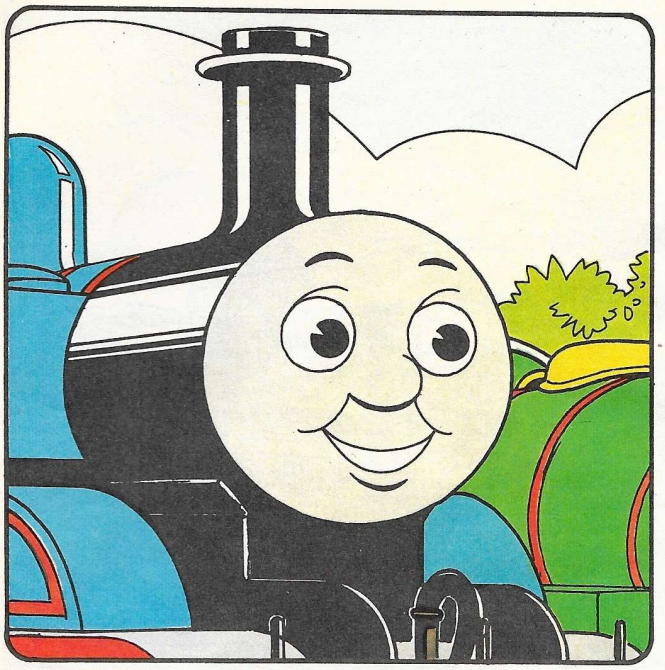


4. "Silly things," Henry snorted as Bill and Ben ran off. "'Water's nothing to an engine with determination.' Huh!" "At least I am not **afraid** of it," said Percy.

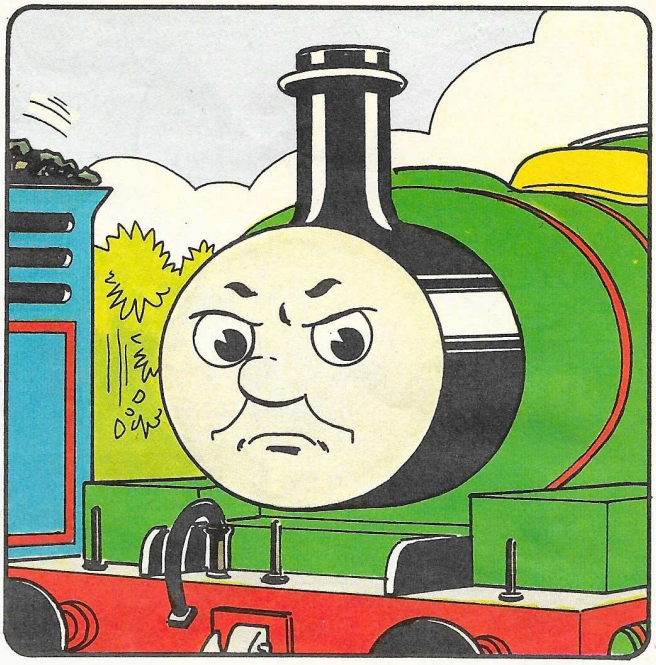


5. Cheeky Percy ran off to the harbour singing to himself. Henry huffed, "No one ever lets me forget the time I stayed in the tunnel in case the rain spoilt my paint."

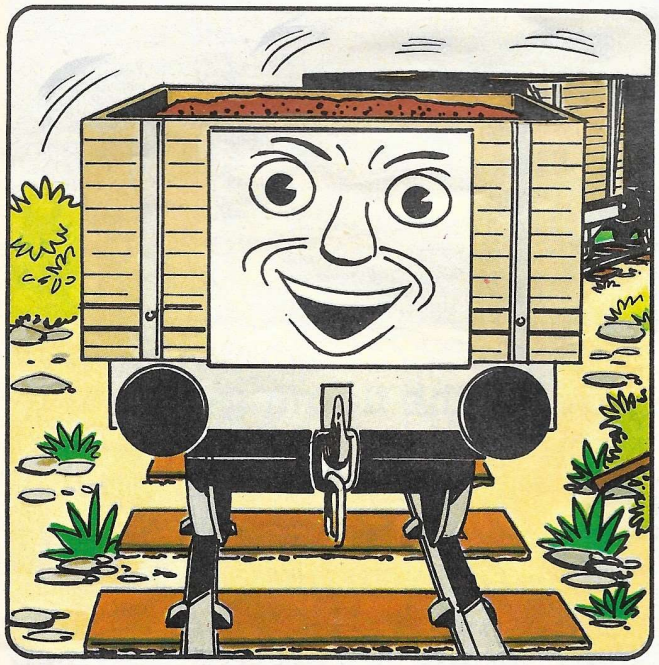
6. There was a board on the Quay. It read: **DANGER! ENGINES MUST NOT PASS THIS BOARD**. "We mustn't pass it. That's orders," said Thomas. "Why?" asked Percy.



7. "'**DANGER**' means falling down something," replied Thomas. "I once went past '**DANGER**' and fell down a mine." "I can't see a mine," said Percy. "Stupid board!"

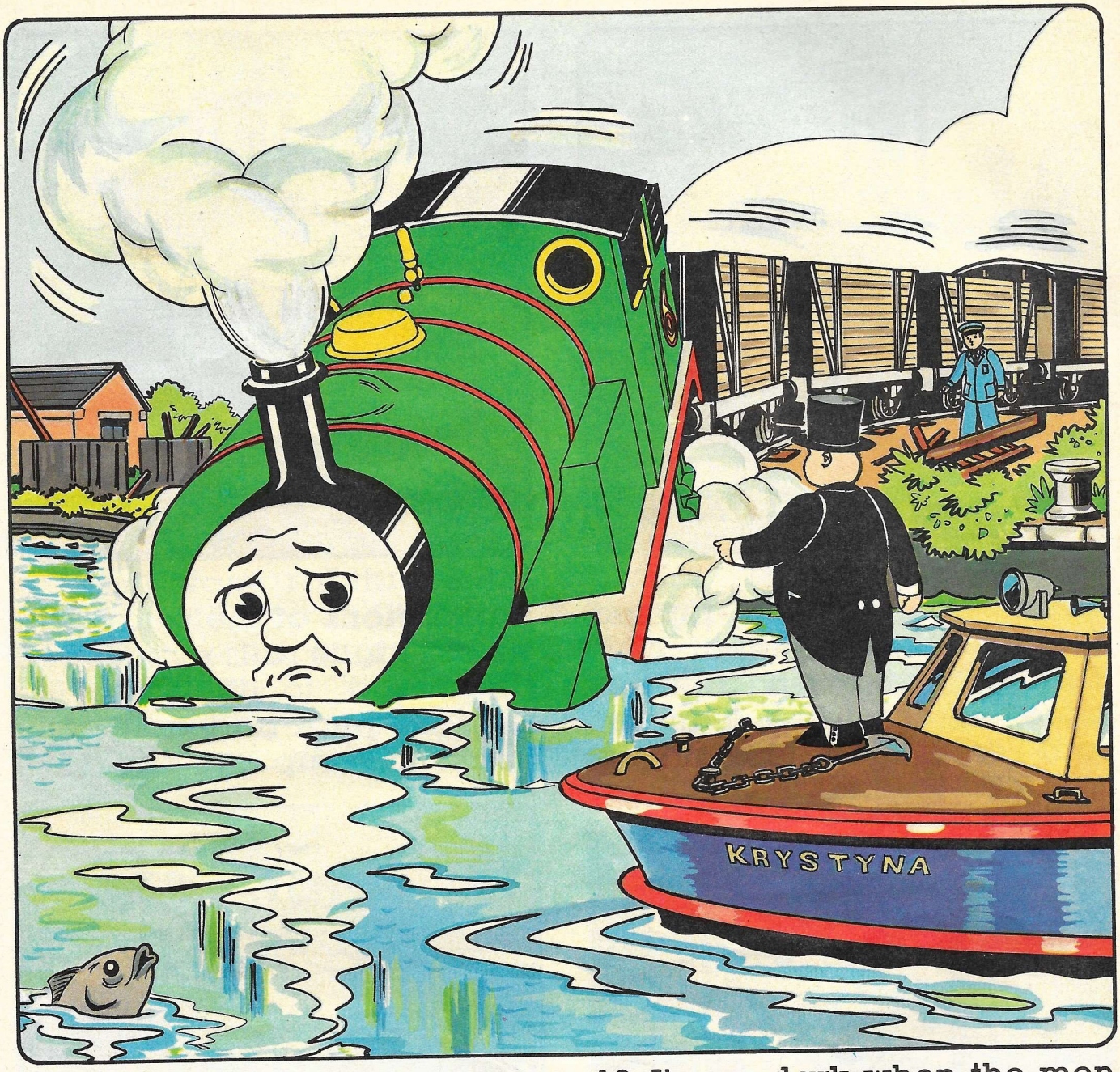


8. Percy didn't know that the foundations of the quay had sunk and the rails now sloped downward to the sea. He made a plan and asked the trucks to bump him one day.



9. "I'll pretend to stop," said Percy. "But the trucks will push me past the board. Then I'll make them stop. I can do whatever I like." But you cannot trust trucks.

10. "Go on! Go on!" they yelled and bumped Percy's Driver and Fireman off the footplate. "**Ow!**" said Percy, as he slid past the board. "That's enough!" he hissed.



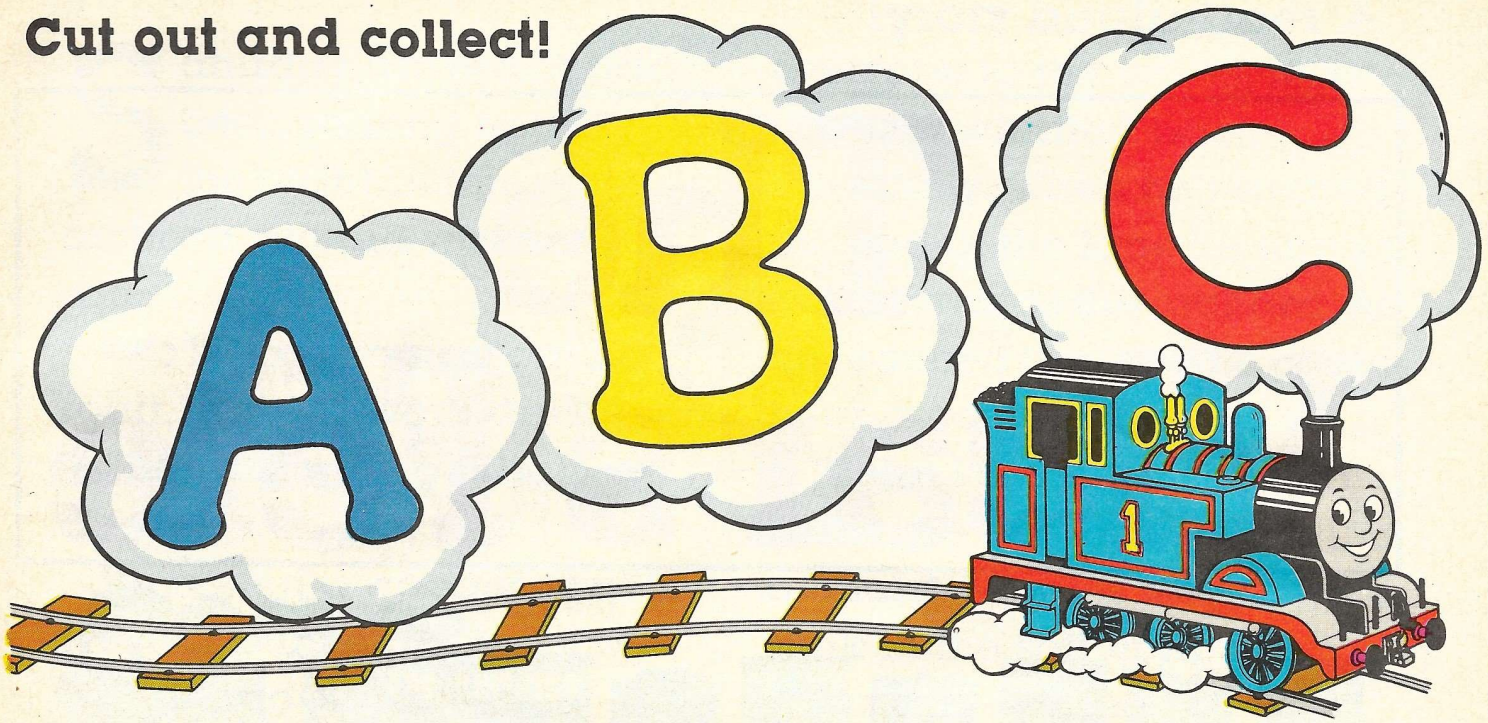
11. But it was too late. Percy was sunk. "You are a very disobedient engine." Percy knew that voice. He groaned. "Please get me out," he said. "I'm very sorry, sir." "No," said the Fat Controller. "We must wait for the high tide. I hope this will teach you to obey orders, Percy." "Yes, sir," Percy shivered as fish played hide and seek through his wheels.

12. It was dark when the men brought the floating cranes to rescue Percy. He was too cold and stiff to move. Next day he went to the works on Henry's train. "Did you like the water?" asked Henry. "No!" said Percy. "You need more determination," said Henry. "Perhaps next time." But Percy is determined that there won't be a next time!

THE END

In our next issue: Diesel is sulking!

Cut out and collect!



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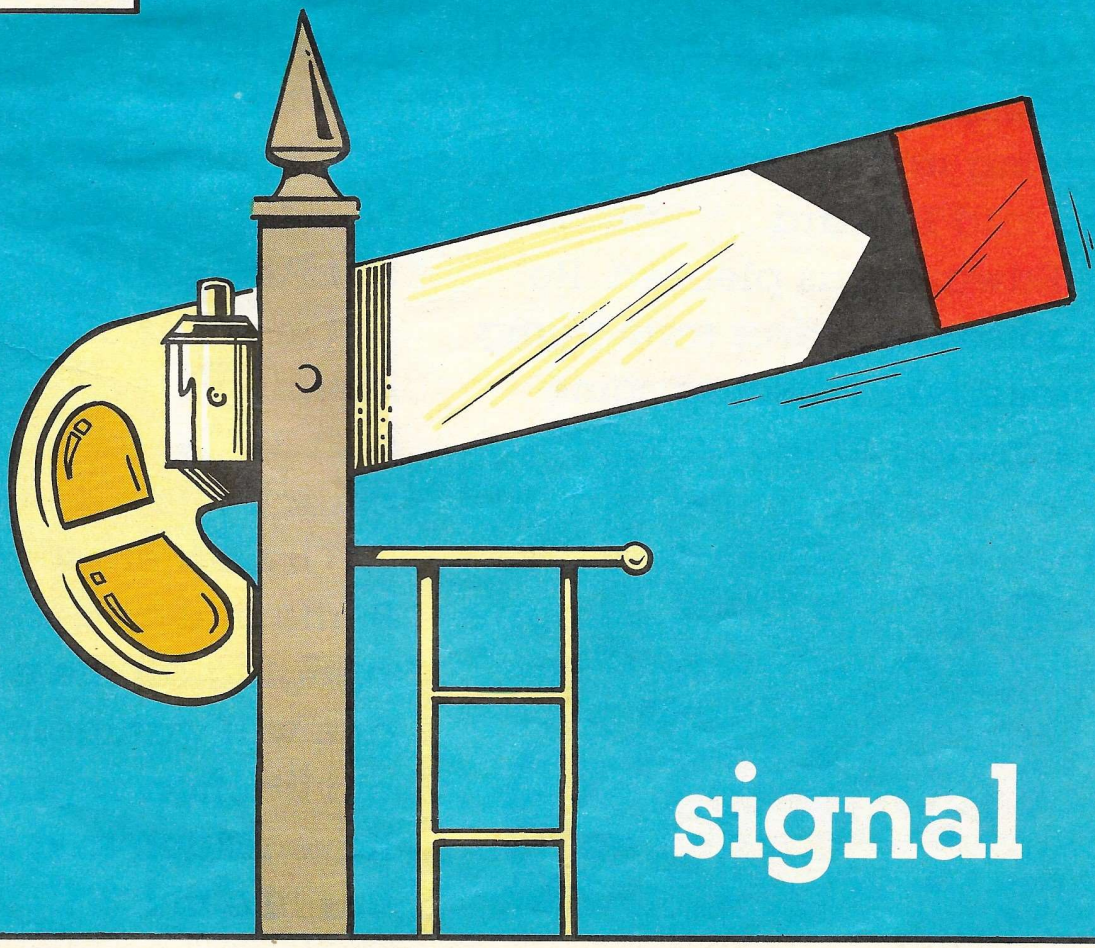

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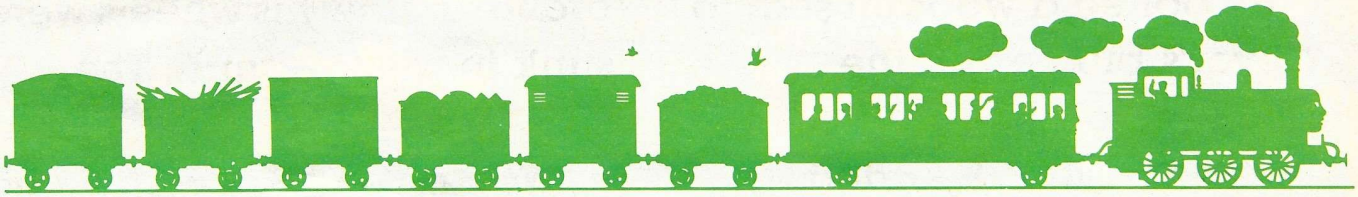
A read-aloud story!

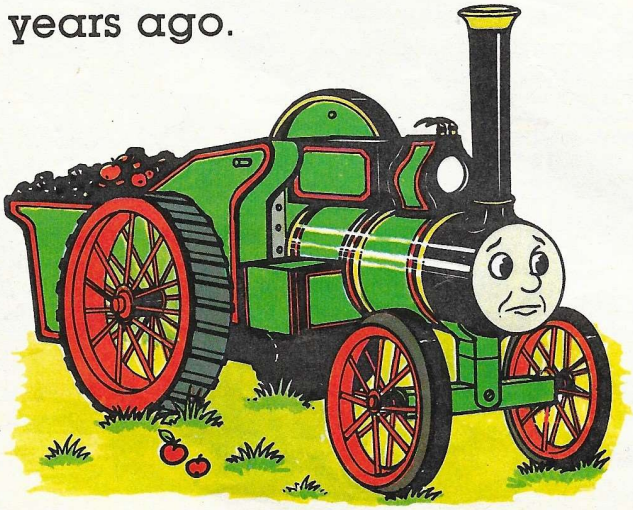
The Vicar's Fête



Trevor the traction engine was looking forward to the vicar's church fête.

"My driver says I can chuff around the vicar's orchard giving rides to the children," he told Edward.

Edward was pleased. He had saved Trevor from being broken up for scrap some years ago.



A little while later Bertie the bus drove past the orchard. He called out to Trevor, who was dozing in the sun.

"Why, you're an old traction engine!" he laughed. "A right old 'stick-in-the-mud'."

"I'm not so old," said Trevor, opening his eyes. Then he told Bertie about the vicar's church fête.

"I'll be there too," said Bertie in a boastful way. "I'm bringing all the people. No one will want to ride on an old traction engine after they have ridden in a smart red **bus** like me."

Saturday arrived. It had been raining heavily the night before. The orchard ground was very soft.

"We'll have to stay on the road," said Trevor's driver. "Otherwise we'll get bogged down."

He bolted a wooden seat to Trevor's bunker for the children to sit on.

"All aboard," he cried. Trevor was soon busy trundling up and down the quiet country lane carrying lots of laughing children.

Soon, along came Bertie the bus.

"Beep! Beep! Hello, old timer," he said when he saw Trevor. "I'm taking everyone to the vicar's fête."

Trevor whistled back cheerfully. When he reached the end of the lane he turned back towards the orchard. As he reached the gate he could hear a commotion.

"Help! I'm stuck," shouted Bertie. He had driven into the orchard. Now his wheels were sunk in the soft mud. The vicar was worried.

"Would you help Bertie?" he asked Trevor.

The driver tied two strong ropes to Trevor and Bertie. Then he started Trevor up.

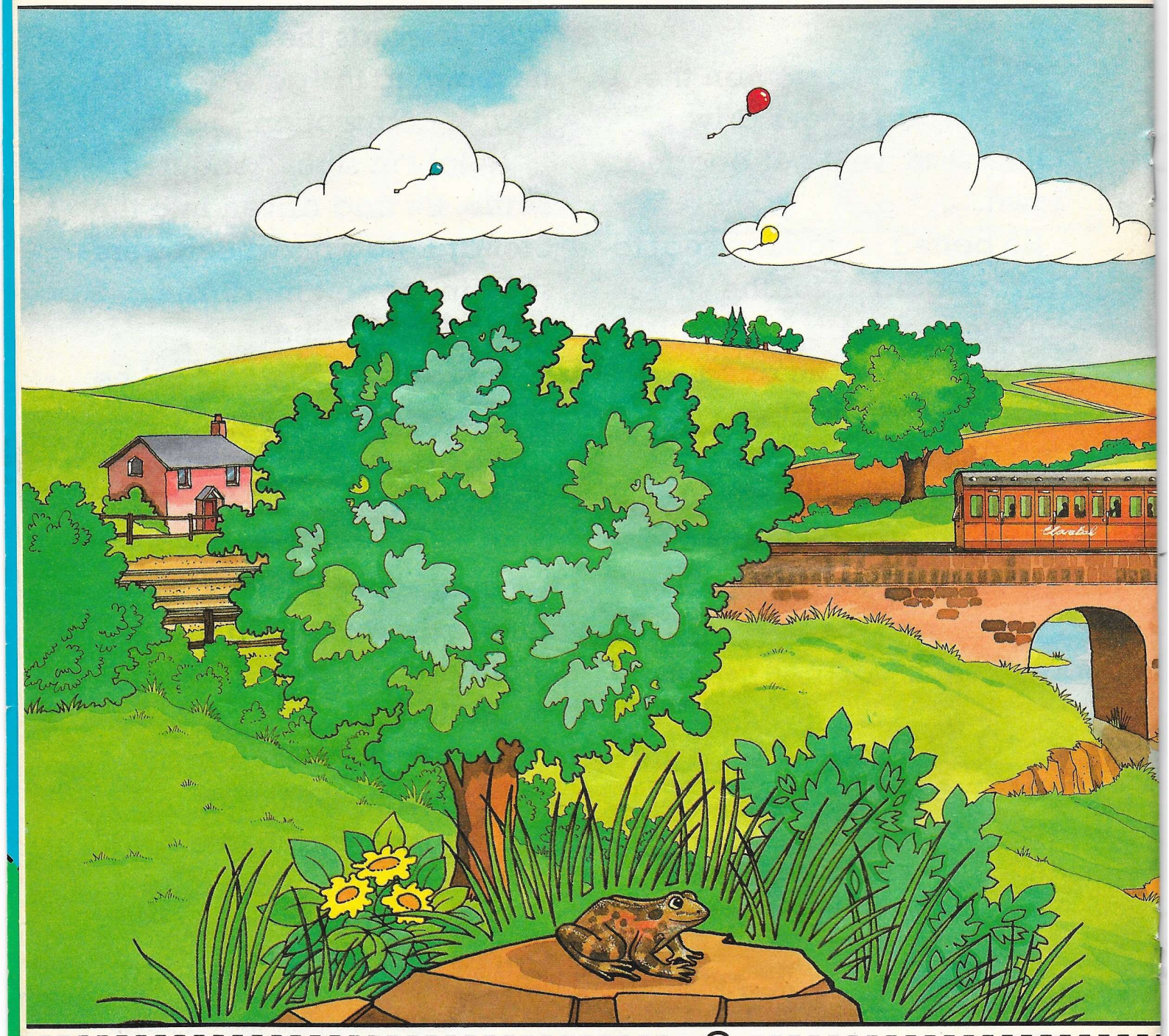
Trevor moved slowly down the road. "This might teach Bertie a thing or two," he chuffed.

Trevor pulled and pulled, and Bertie came out of the mud. "Hurray!" cried the vicar. Bertie was soon on the road again.

"Thank you for helping me, Trevor," he said. "You're not a 'stick-in-the-mud' at all."

"No," smiled Trevor. "But you were."

Across the



What sort of boat can you see?

Point to the lady feeding the ducks!

What colour is the big frog?

What noise would he make?

Who is puffing over

What are the name

How many balloons

How many men are

river!

the river?

s of his carriages?

s can you see?

fishing?

Note for parents

This page is designed to form part of a colourful mural for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom. After you have finished reading the magazine with your child, remove this part of the centrespread by cutting along the dotted line. There is a 'mural page' in every issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends**. Why not collect each one and watch Thomas and his friends puff all round the room?

Next: Past the ruins!

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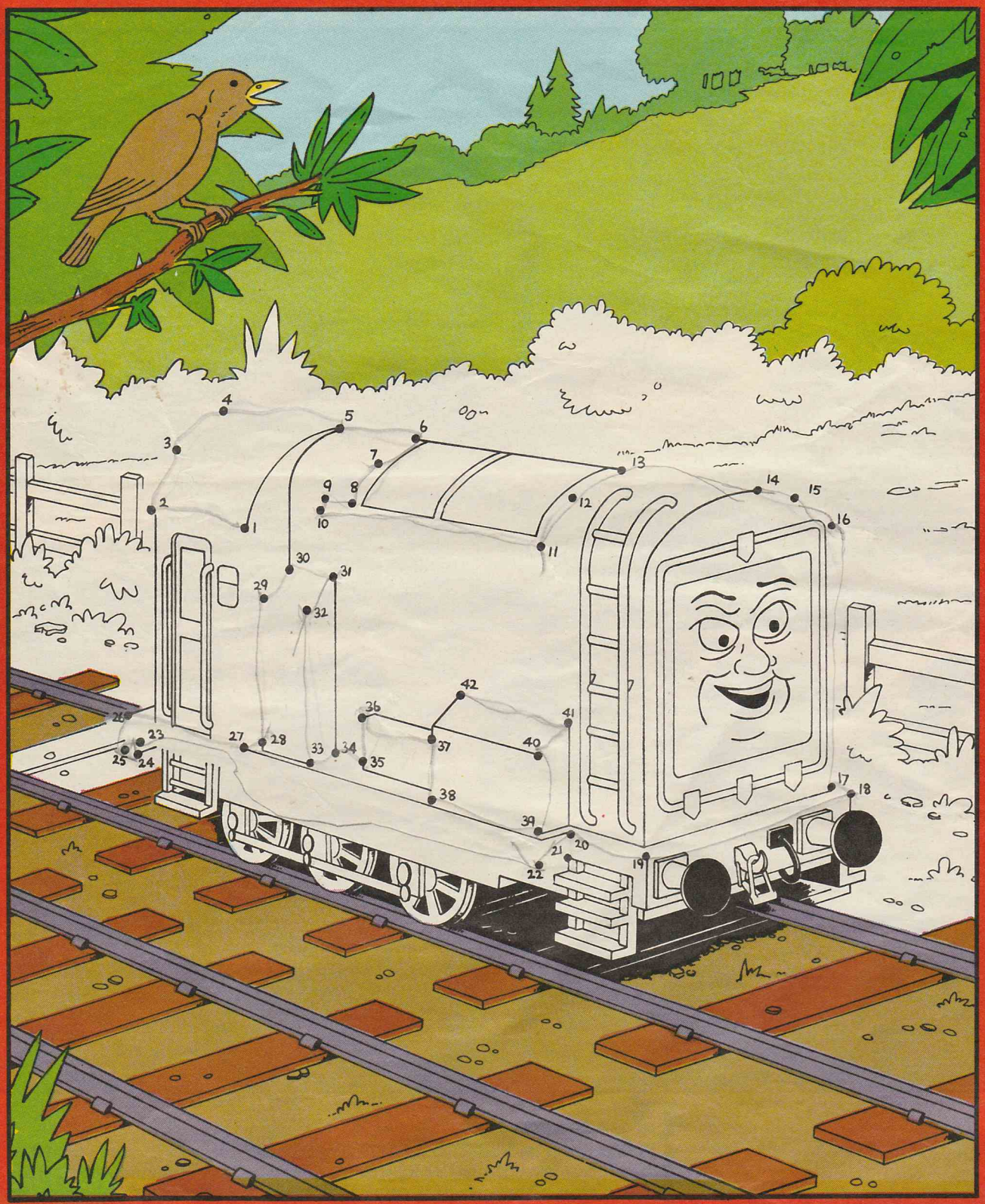

Can you guess who this is? Join the dots to see if you are right! Then you can finish colouring the picture and read all about him in the story beginning on the next page!

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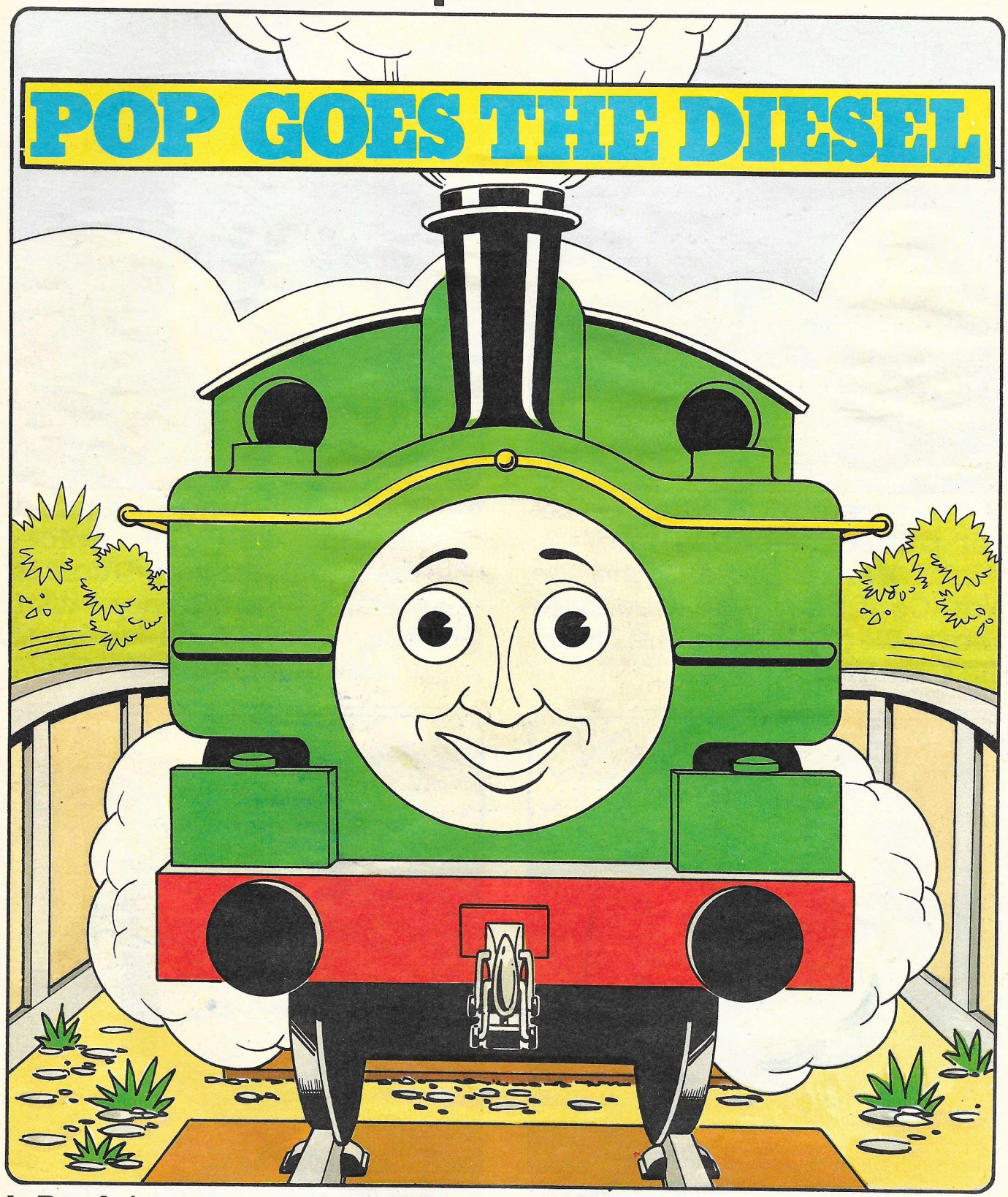
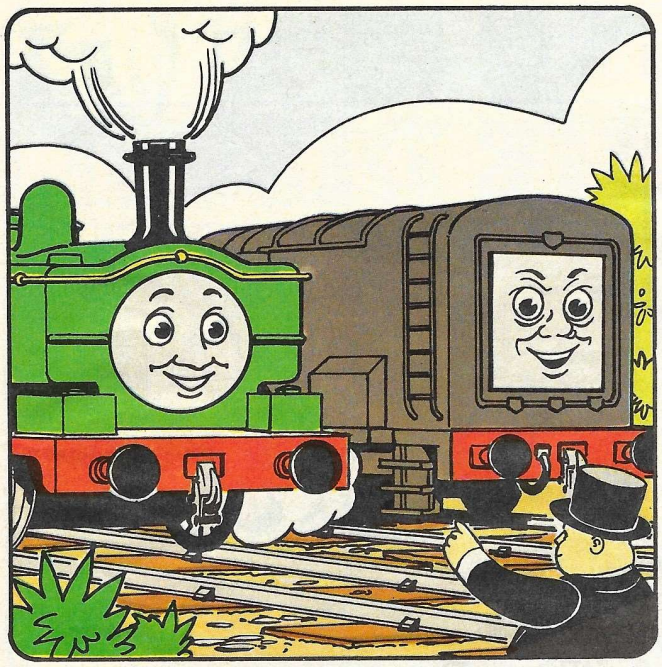
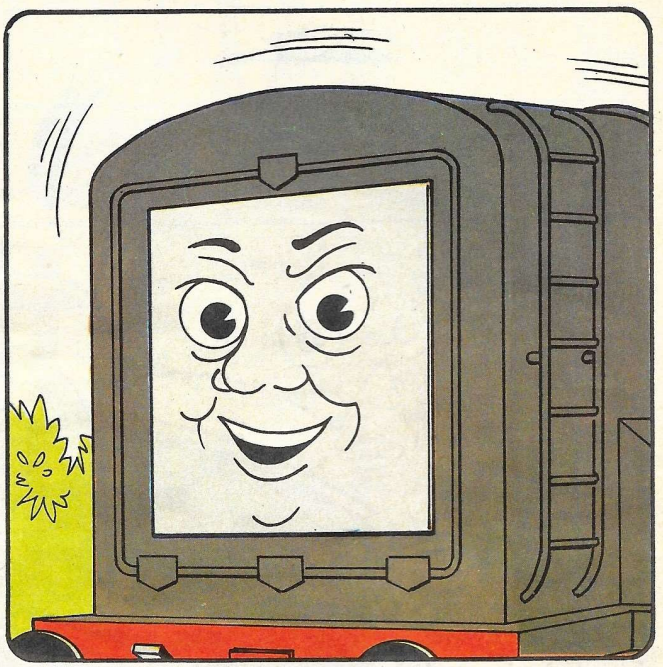


1. Duck is very proud of being Great Western. He is always talking about it. But he works hard too and makes everything go like clockwork in the yard.

2. "There are two ways of doing things," Duck told the other engines. "The Great Western way, or the wrong way. I'm Great Western. . ." The other engines groaned.

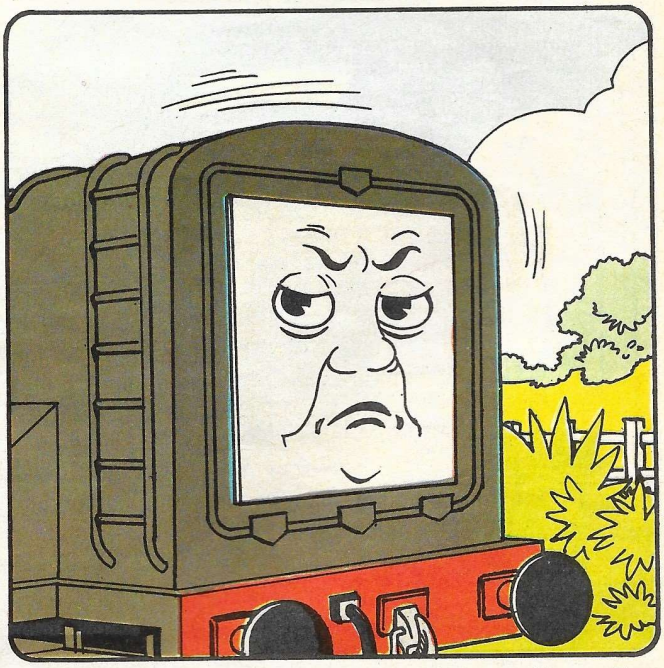


3. They were glad when a visitor purred smoothly into the yard. "Here is Diesel," said the Fat Controller. "He needs to learn. Please teach him, Duck. He's on trial."

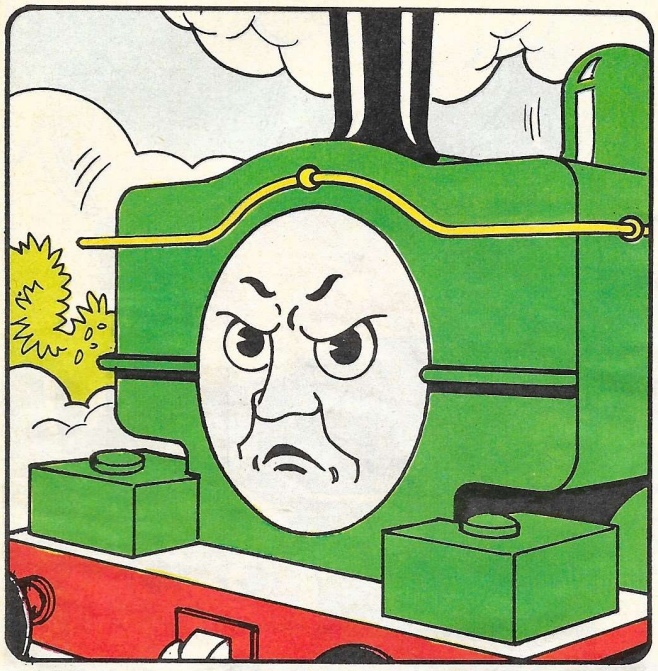


4. "Good morning," purred Diesel in an oily voice. "Pleased to meet you, Duck. Is that James – and Henry – and Gordon, too? Such famous engines! I'm delighted."

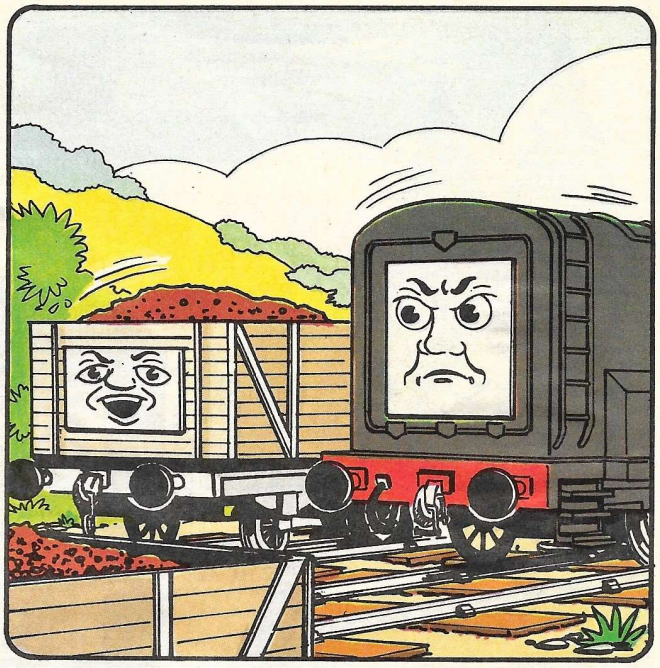
5. The silly engines were flattered. "He has very good manners," they murmured. "We are very pleased to have him in our yard." Duck had his doubts. "Come on," he said.



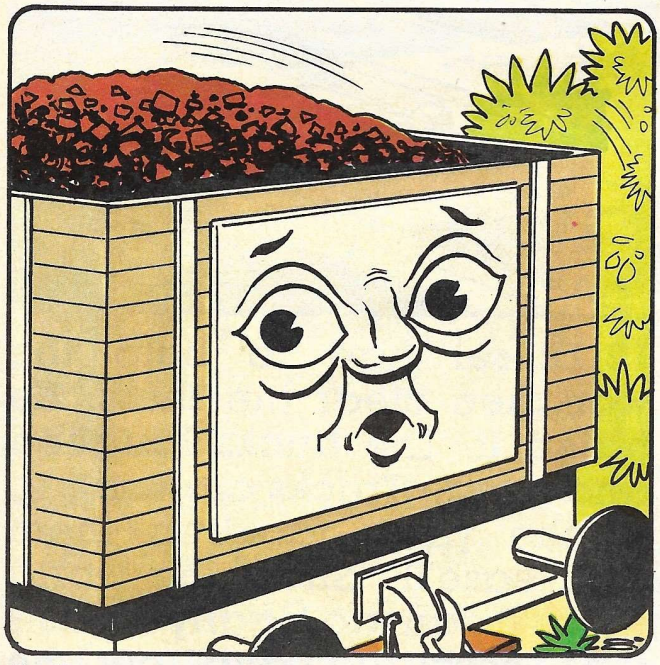
6. Diesel purred after Duck, talking hard. "Your worthy Sir Topham Hatt thinks I need to learn. He is mistaken. We diesels know everything. We're revolutionary."



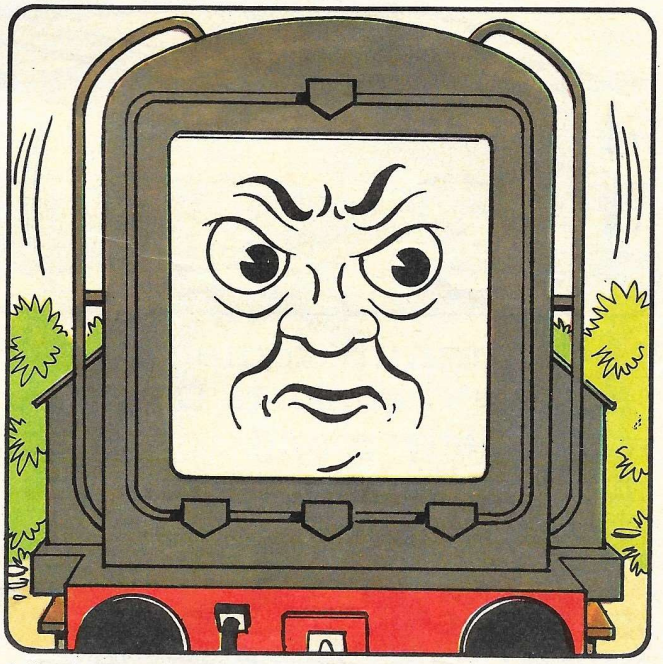
7. "Oh," said Duck. "If you are revo-thingummy, perhaps you would collect my trucks while I go fetch Gordon's coaches." Diesel, delighted to show off, purred away.



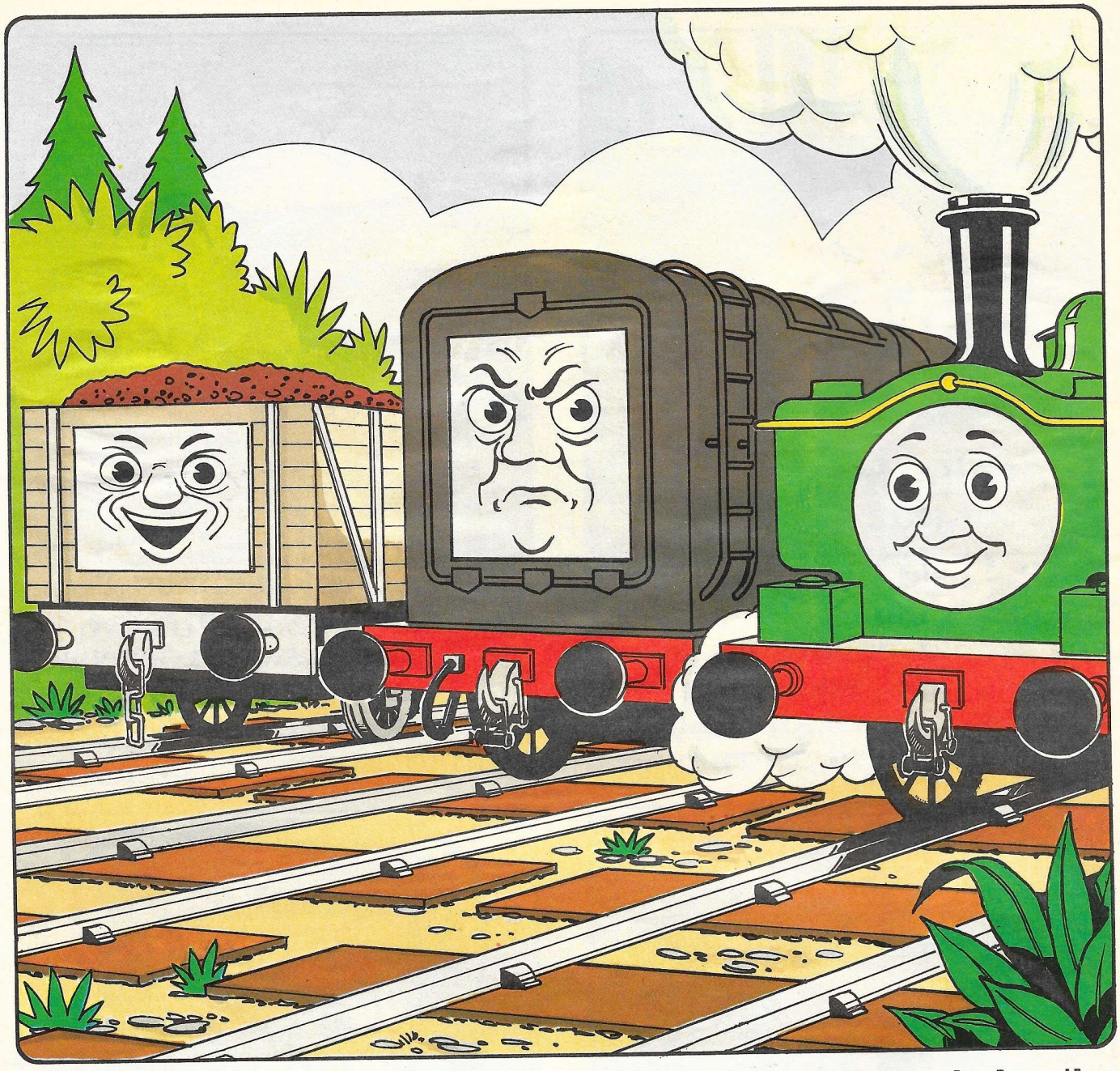
8. When Duck returned Diesel was trying to take some old trucks from a siding. They had not been touched for a long time. Diesel found them very hard to move.



9. Pull – push – backwards – forwards. "Oheeer! Oheeer! We **can't!** We **won't!**" groaned the trucks. Duck watched with interest. Diesel was losing his patience.



10. "**Grrrrr!**" he roared and with a great heave, jerked the trucks forward. "Oher! Oher!" they screamed. Some of their brakes snapped and jammed in the sleepers.



11. "Grrrrrrrrrr!" roared Diesel. "Ho! Ho!" chuckled Duck. He ran quietly round to collect the other trucks. "Thank you, Diesel. I must go now," he said. "Don't you want these?" asked Diesel. "No, thank you," said Duck. Diesel gulped. "Why didn't you tell me?" "You never asked," said Duck. "Besides, you're revo-whatever."

12. Diesel had to help the workmen clear the mess. He hated it. The trucks laughed and sang, "Trucks are waiting in the yard; tackling them with ease'll, 'Show the world what I can do,' gaily boasts the Diesel. In and out he creeps about, like a big black weasel, when he pulls the wrong trucks out – **Pop goes the Diesel!**"

THE END

In our next issue: Duck gives chase!

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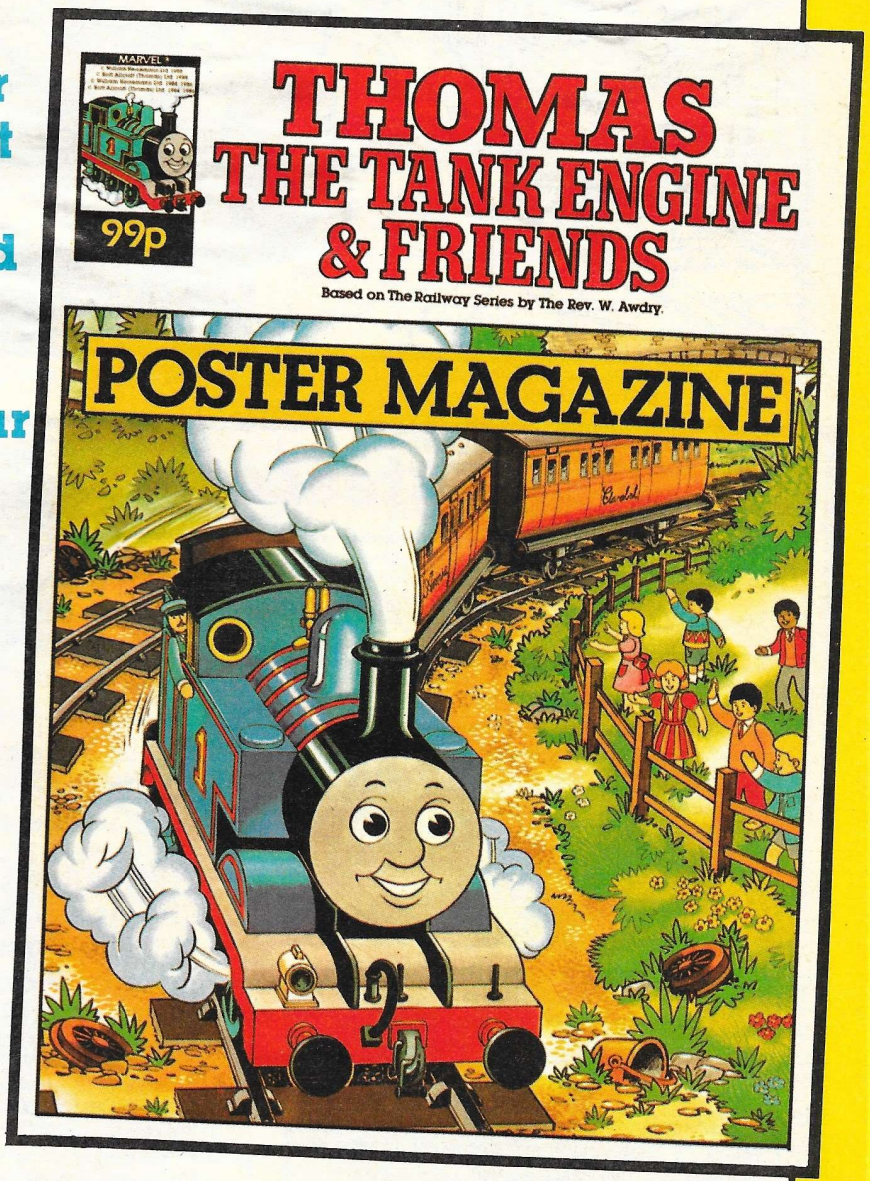

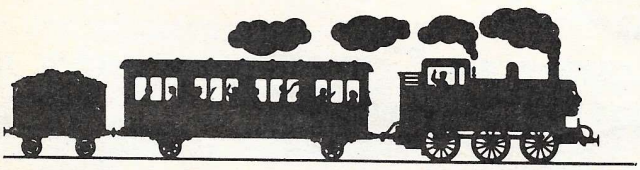

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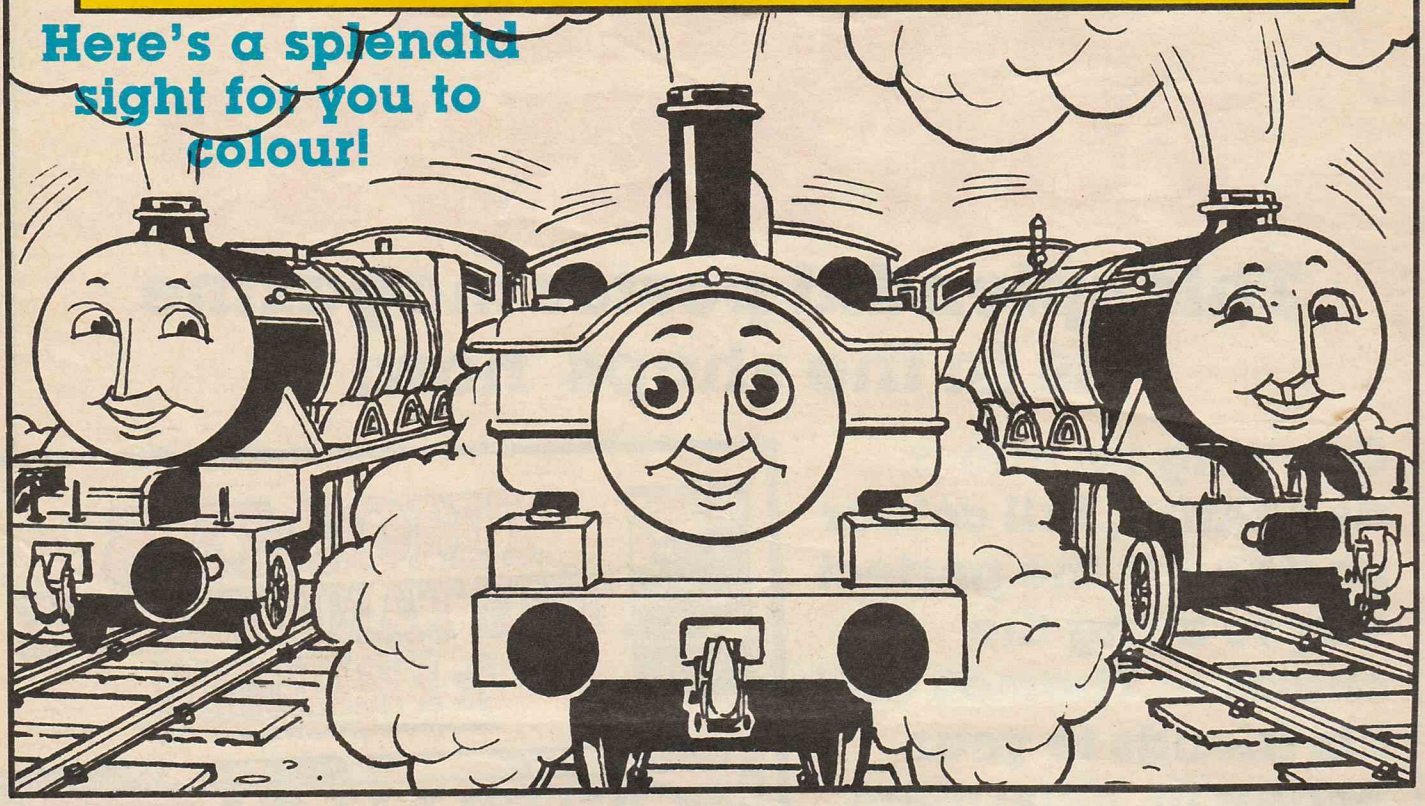

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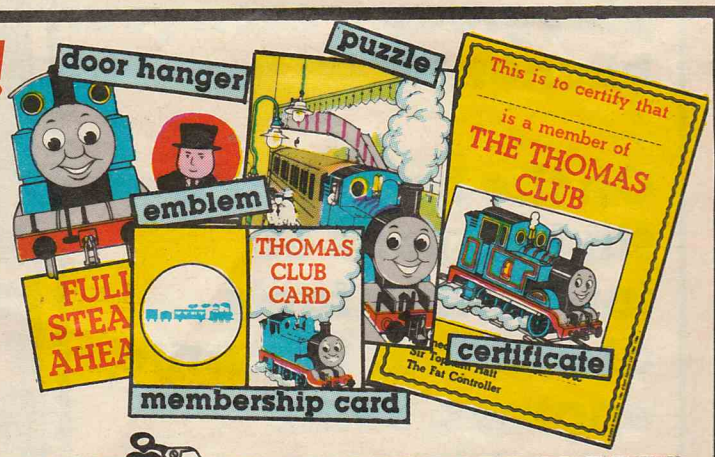

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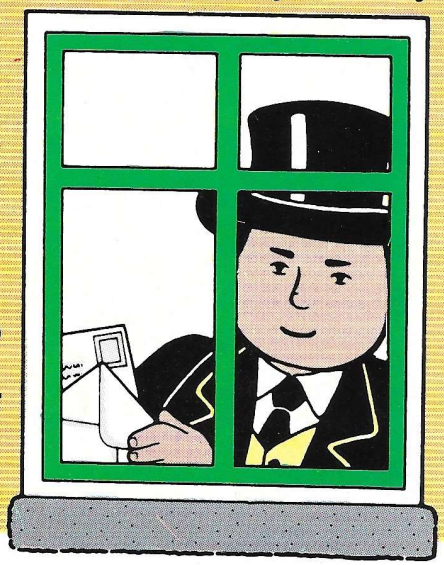

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below! I would be so pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

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Dear Fat Controller,

When I go shopping with Mummy I always drive my Thomas engine to the shops and put some of the things into Thomas and drive them home again. Mummy says she doesn't know how she would manage without my help.

Lots of love from **Tony Dewsbury**, aged 2.

I am very pleased to hear we have such a helpful reader, Tony, and I'm sure your mummy is pleased too. Tony wins a **Thomas the Tank Engine egg cup**, from *Wedgwood.*

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TOO MUCH TOAST?

Dear Fat Controller,

Are you fat because you eat too much buttered toast?

Love from **Matthew**, aged 3

Well, upon my soul! I must say I am very fond of hot, buttered toast. I dare say I do eat rather too much of it at times.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Our best birthday wishes go to:

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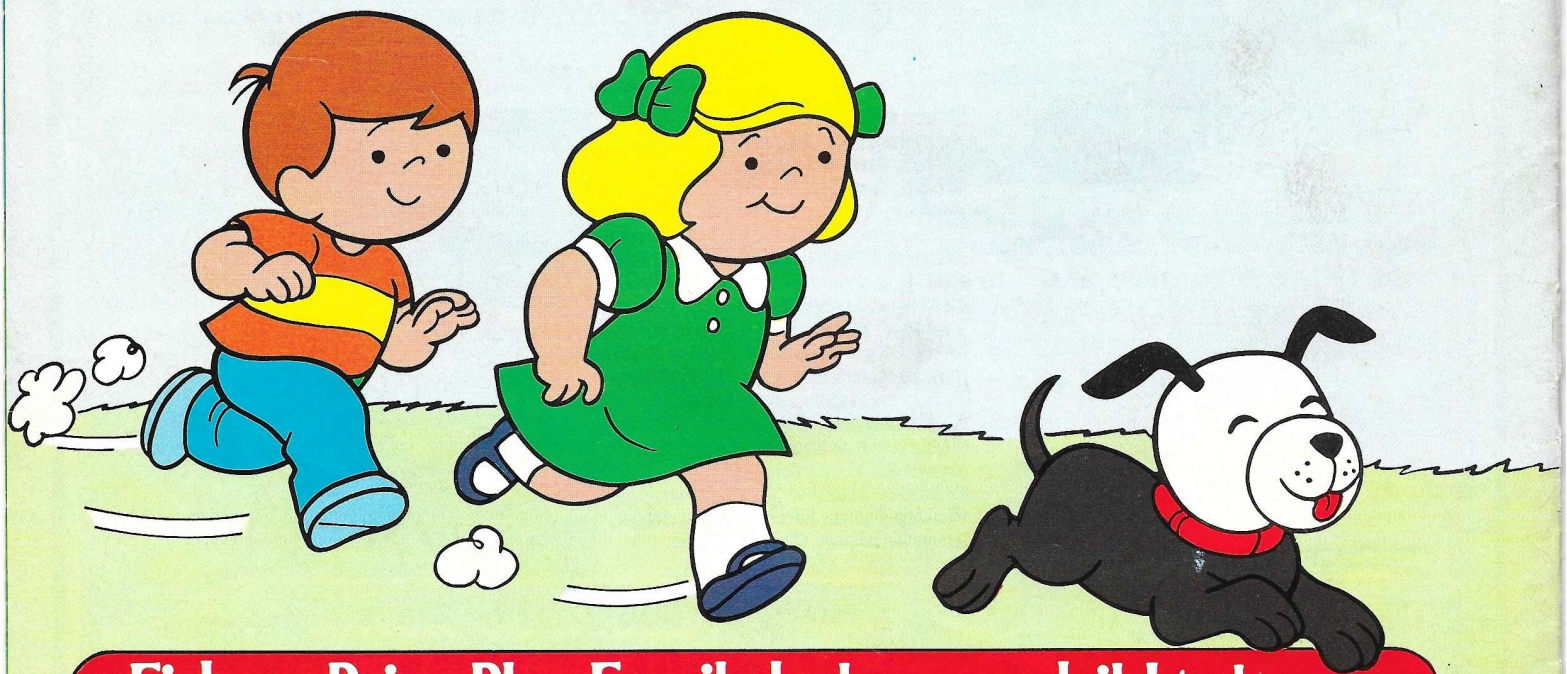

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